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(CHARLES G. REED)



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# \*Our New Introductions for 1935

**BOSPHORUS**—(Inf. Dec.) Deep burnt orange or golden brown. A fine, large, well shaped flower in a color that is new in our experience. It is a dark flower, almost as deep in the orange tone in the body of the flower as maroon is to red, but shades to a lighter orange at the edges of the petals. We recommend this dahlia on its color but it is charming and satisfactory in all respects. This variety should be grown strong from the start like Full Moon and some other dahlias with stalky habits and it will have a long straight stem and will be immensely attractive when cut. Certificate of Merit at Storrs.....\$15.00

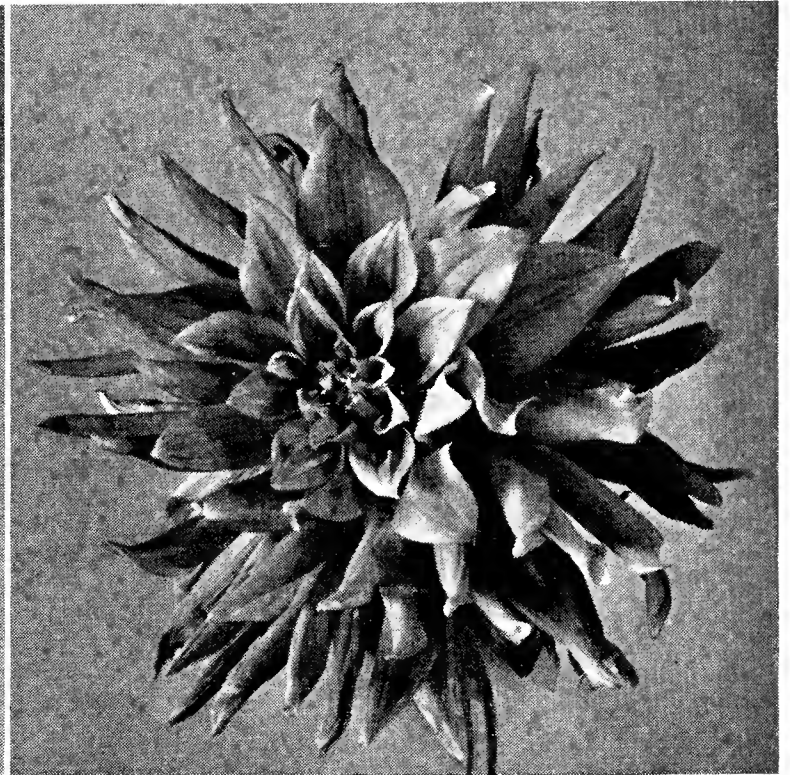
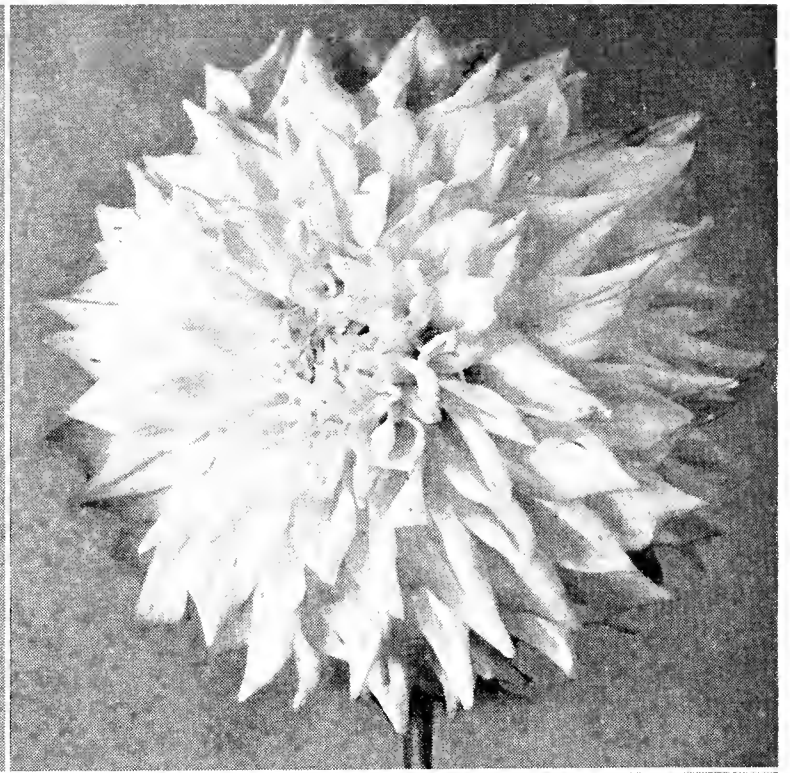
**CALIFORNIA IDOL**—(Inf. Dec.) Clear bright self-colored yellow. We have never had more confidence in the real merits of a new dahlia than we have in this masterful brilliant yellow decorative. In size it ranks with the very largest, growing to 14 inches or more, has corresponding depth, and yet is an extremely refined flower in every sense. It won the American Home Achievement Medal at Boston and the Dahlia Society of California's Gold Medal at San Francisco as the Best Undisseminated Three-Year Old. This, you will agree, is a good start, but we hold that the proof of the pudding is in the eating, and unless a dahlia can win for the purchaser, Achievement Medals and Gold Medals do not mean much. We assure you that California Idol, like many of our previous great prize winners, has the capacity to win as the Largest Dahlia or Best Dahlia in the leading shows. Next year when we can tell you about these winnings, we will feel that we have a real sales argument. It has been freely said by those who have seen California Idol that it is the best dahlia since Satan, and others have said, including Mr. Reed at Lawrence, Mass., that it is the best of all. Truly a dahlia that the exhibitor can win with and the commercial grower can sell. We will not attempt a detailed description more than to say that it is an early and a free bloomer and an excellent root maker. You will have to grow it to appreciate it. See cut on front cover. Included in the American Home's list of "Dahlias of Distinction in 1934", and also in Mr. Derrill W. Hart's Dahlia Review published in the December issue of House Beautiful. Mr. Hart's impression of it follows: "This giant yellow has a coast-to-coast record as a 1934 winner. At the show of the Dahlia Society of California it won the Gold Medal as best three-year-old seedling. At Boston it won the Achievement Medal as best undisseminated dahlia. It was one of the outstanding varieties at Storrs this year. It is a fine grower with a deep flower of clear glistening yellow, a true pastel shade. Here will be a new competitor in the specimen bloom classes" .....\$25.00

**CALIFORNIA ROSE**—(Inf. Dec.) Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall-growing, describe in a few words the salient features of this unusually satisfactory new dahlia. We have supplemented the descriptions of each of our new introductions this year with a small picture, so that you can see to some extent what the flower looks like. See pages following. This variety as you will note is one that is well worthwhile. California Rose is also included in Mr. Hart's 1934 Dahlia Review. For a number of years, Mr. Hart, in his annual Roll of Honor, has been able to select with remarkable accuracy the future dahlia favorites. We quote Mr. Hart's statement: "One of the most beautiful of the novelties, and I must assume it was not shown in California or else we should have heard more about it. A bright salmon rose and a particularly beautiful flower for cutting. It was the best keeper I had on trial this year. Flower large, but extremely graceful" .....\$15.00

**DON JUAN**—(Semi-Cac.) Scarlet orange with a reverse of lighter orange. This is one of the truly spectacular varieties and should add to the fame of Ballay-Success Dahlias in the "Giants of the Show Room" class. If you have a crown flower of Don Juan for the show you will be hard to beat. Later blooms will be very numerous and large, but an occasional one may have a crook in the stem. This variety is a true semi-cactus with the center rows of petals rather broad and spreading but with the outer rows decidedly rolled and well incurved. Color is just about as bright as it is possible for a color to be. It has brought favorable comment from those who have seen it growing, and from the exhibitor's point of view we consider it one of the most sensational of the year's introductions.....\$15.00

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**Bosphorus (Upper)**  
**California Rose (Lower)**

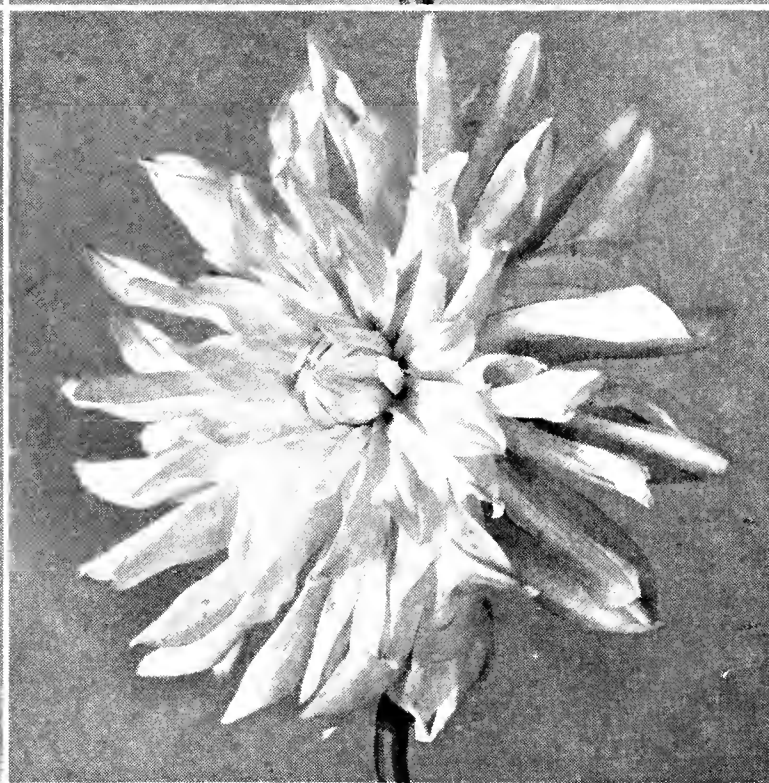
**California Idol (Upper)**  
**Don Juan (Lower)**

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**DRUM MAJOR**—(For. Dec.) Pale gold with a reverse of deeper gold. A very, very tall dahlia, standing head and shoulders above all the rest, and very large and showy. Not an early nor particularly free bloomer but all flowers are perfect on extremely good strong stems. Have you ever needed some large flowers on 4-foot canes to top off your exhibit? This variety will serve that purpose and may win a prize for you, too .....\$10.00

**GLAMOUR**—(Inf. Dec.) Bright apricot overlaid with sunset pink. This is one of the finest of our new introductions, a 12-inch flower with perfect form and delightful color. The color resembles somewhat Chautauqua Sunset and the stem is long and the plant well branched. As we are writing this on Nov. 12th there are still many large closed-centered blooms on the bushes that we are cutting to sell ..... \$10.00



**Drum Major (Upper)**  
**May Day (Lower)**

**Glamour (Upper)**  
**North Star (Lower)**

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**MAY DAY**—(Inf. Dec.) Rosy pink lightly touched with gold. A variety of medium size that is an exceedingly prolific bloomer. Pleasing formation and excellent coloring that everyone loves. It will never win as the largest flower in the show but with a few plants it would not be hard to have a vase or basket of 12 or even 25. At the California Flower Festival, where our display was again awarded the First Prize, a large bowl of this dahlia combined with the maroon colored blooms of Domino was a novel arrangement and one that attracted a great deal of attention. Certificate of Merit at Storrs \$10.00

**NORTH STAR**—(Semi-Cac.) Light yellow. If this dahlia were finer petaled, it would belong to that rare class of cactus called straight. The regularly formed flower is at once suggestive of a star. Size and stem are good and it is another that will supply many good flowers until late in the season. Furthermore, it is a good keeper, and we do not hesitate to recommend it as a very useful and beautiful cut flower \$10.00



## Other Dahlias of Our Own Creation

- ACHIEVEMENT**—S. C. Gold with bronze shadings. This dahlia won the American Home Achievement Medal at San Francisco in 1930 at which time it received the name it bears. It was also a Roll of Honor dahlia the same year and has been one of our largest and most satisfactory dahlias to date. Many blooms will measure over 12 inches with corresponding depth and on absolutely perfect stems. The flower has a pleasing informal appearance with the petals curled and twisted in an artistic fashion, and its good substance insures a wealth of perfect blooms under all weather conditions. It continues to be a winner, receiving among other prizes a Blue Ribbon at the World's Fair Show this year. .... \$2.00
- ALBATROSS**—I. D. Soft cream shading to greenish yellow at the center, tips of the petals sometimes being lightly touched with apple-blossom pink. This new dahlia is large as all popular new dahlias must be, it has delightful and unusual coloring, and the formation is strikingly distinctive with petalage suggestive of the water-lily. A huge pond-lily is what it looks like with its petals broad and flat at the base and turned up decidedly at the tips. The stem is very strong, holding the flower always upright. Center is full and closed all season. ... \$5.00
- CADET**—S. C. Light primrose yellow, almost cream. A fresh, crisp flower somewhat similar in formation to Satan. This type of cactus dahlia in the shade mentioned is truly distinctive. The petals, long, well-rolled and but slightly incurved, are well placed and just numerous enough to form an exceedingly graceful flower. So clean-cut in form and color, it impresses one as having been artificially fashioned by the deft hand of a skillful artist. Will grow large on a tall straight stalk. We are told that we have been too conservative in putting forward this dahlia, that it is a light yellow Satan and far superior to Frau Bracht and other dahlias resembling it. .... \$7.50
- CELESTE**—I. D. Lilac pink overlaid with carmine. A very handsome large flower that is attractive especially because of its peculiar shadings of color. The well-branched plant produces deep, well-built blooms over a long period. There are no faults noticeable to take from the general usefulness of this valuable addition to dahlias of this color range. .... \$1.50
- CHARLES G. REED**—I. D. Purple red or petunia red as an authority on dress materials called it. Last season this variety won as the Best Bloom in the Show at the National Show in London, England. Has won similar prizes in many places and was a Roll of Honor dahlia in its introductory year. It is an unusually large variety held upright on a perfect stem. Bush is of rather low growth with the branching habit which makes it ideal for all purposes. Blooms profusely. One of the best. .... \$1.00
- CONQUISTADOR**—S. C. Soft creamy yellow shading to a glowing pink at the base of the petals. The pink coloring is very pronounced and gives to the flower the appearance of being illuminated from within. The plant is extraordinarily tall and the flowers can be cut with 4-foot stems. The bloom is in proportion, being regular, rather coarse petaled, broad and deep. Almost every exhibit at the San Francisco Show this year contained some blooms of Conquistador. Twice this dahlia won the Gold Medal as the Best Dahlia in the Show at the California Flower Festival. Roll of Honor. .... \$1.00
- DAHLIAMUM**—S. C. Clear bright yellow. A dahlia that has a chrysanthemum-like appearance, hence its name. While we have from time to time received good reports on this variety, we feel it is a dahlia that should be better known in fairness to its merits. It has been called by florists the perfect dahlia because it combines size and beauty with the lasting qualities necessary for their purpose. The price is now within the reach of all. .... \$1.00
- DOLOROSA**—I. D. Deep bluish lavender. The blue is just a little more pronounced than has appeared heretofore. Perhaps it is a step toward a real blue, if that much heralded specimen ever comes. At any rate, this is a very pleasing variety, with big full flowers held up on long hard stems. The petals are somewhat pointed, the center is tight and holds well, the stems are long-jointed and so are not burdened with leaves. .... \$1.50
- DOMINO**—F. D. Deep unshaded maroon. A very dark decorative that does not fade or burn in the sunshine. It is about a 10-inch dahlia, very formal in type, and compactly built of many rows of broad, flat petals. It will start to bloom early, produce freely all season, and the well-branched stalks of medium height are very straight and strong. To those who are interested in a beautiful and useful new dark dahlia, we can cheerfully recommend this one. .... \$2.50
- DONNA CALIFORNIA**—I. D. Deep rose pink suffused with lavender. This probably is still the largest Dahlia in this color. 12-inch blooms are produced without effort through a long period. The flower is not particularly heavy considering its great size, as its even petal formation is loosely arranged rather than solid. The stems are very long and very strong. Prize winner and Roll of Honor dahlia. .... \$1.00
- DRESDEN**—I. D. Clear pink lavender. Here good color is very much in evidence. The lavender is plainly of the rich pink tone throughout the flower and is in no sense a bluish lavender. This rich coloring is well supported by large size, full formation and a matchless stem. No visitor ever fails to inquire about this one, always remarking that it is exquisite. Blooms with exceptional freedom. Dresden appears to have made a great hit the past season, having done especially well in the Middle West. If the tips of the stems are boiled, as should always be done when dahlias are cut, this variety will prove an excellent keeper. .... \$5.00
- ELEGANCE**—S. C. Center and tips of petals yellow, body of flower glistening coral. We classify this variety as semi-cactus but it is not far removed from the true cactus type. A noticeable swirl



to the petals is also reminiscent of certain English type cactus varieties of some years back. Few dahlias have been so cordially received on their first appearance as this one and we consider it one of our very best varieties because of its unusual charm and beauty and because the great quantity of blooms it gives are useful for every purpose. It is a full, deep flower with ideal habits. The illustration on back cover gives a good idea of its fine characteristics. Described on the 1933 American Home Roll of Honor as "a most pleasing variety producing a wealth of bloom of very pleasing and artistic appearance". Winner of the Santa Barbara Trophy at San Francisco and a Blue Ribbon at the World's Fair Show . . . . . \$7.50

**EUGENIA BALLAY**—I. D. Rich cream. This dahlia won in 1933 as the Best Established three-year old in keen competition at the Palace Hotel Show and can always be counted on to exhibit to good advantage. It is a very early and a very prolific bloomer. Under favorable weather conditions the blooms will easily attain 10 to 12 inches with corresponding depth, and at all times will have very long strong stems. In California everyone admired the color and fine habits of this dahlia and now good reports have come to us from many places. This variety was named in honor of our mother and we hope it will worthily perpetuate her name. Eugenia Ballay, along with Palo Alto, Satan and Full Moon, is mentioned in the list of the better new dahlias compiled by Dr. Marshall A. Howe of the New York Botanical Gardens and published in the December issue of the Flower Grower . . . . . \$5.00

**FAIR ELAINE**—S. C. Delicate old rose. An extra good variety with long evenly rolled incurved petals. Without heavy disbudding it will produce great quantities of good flowers until the very end of the season. Excellent lasting qualities when cut. Roll of Honor Dahlia in 1929 \$1.00

**FASCINATOR**—F. D. Salmon, orange and gold. These colors are all in bright tones and combine to produce a flower of entrancing beauty. It fascinates you and the name belongs to it exactly. First crop flowers will be 11 or 12 inches in diameter, regularly formed with full deep centers, and held up gracefully on long, strong stems. Later flowers are not so large but are in great profusion, continuing to charm with their beauty into the late fall . . . . . \$2.50

**FLORENTINE**—F. D. Bright mallow purple. From the thousands of seedlings we grow we have ample opportunity to study the dahlia in its many phases from a standpoint of real progress. Many new colors appear but the problem is to get the outstanding colors in flowers that show equal advancement in other respects. Good purple shades are not plentiful and we thought the color of this dahlia especially worthwhile. The huge flower superbly built in formal fashion presents a striking contrast alongside dahlias of colors more frequently seen. It is congenially at home among the best, possessing all good qualities . . . . . \$5.00

**FULL MOON**—I. D. Canary yellow. Here is a variety that can be truthfully called a superlative dahlia and it seems to improve each year. The large distinctive blooms easily measuring 12 inches across, are regularly formed of very broad flat petals that terminate in a perfectly full and artistic center. The thickness and strength of the stems are particularly noticeable and the flowers are always upright, never facing the least bit to the side. We have never seen a variety more consistent, every flower being massive in size and perfectly formed, and the foliage is always clean and bright. In its first year this dahlia made a good start in the East, winning the Gold Medal of the Dahlia Society of California as the best dahlia of California origin, and was also the largest flower in the show, at Boston. It has since won many prizes as Best Yellow, and in some cases as Best Bloom in the show, some customers stating they have grown 13 and even 14 inch flowers without any special effort. It was among the winners at the World's Fair and was a Roll of Honor dahlia in 1932 . . . . . \$2.50

**FURY**—F. D. Rose and copper with a reverse of deep rose. This is a huge dahlia of rather odd but pleasing color. First flowers will measure 11 or 12 inches, and the size is well maintained through the whole season. The plant of medium height is a good producer and every flower counts as the centers are always closed and the stems satisfactory. Fine for garden decoration and for use in a collection of large dahlias . . . . . \$1.50

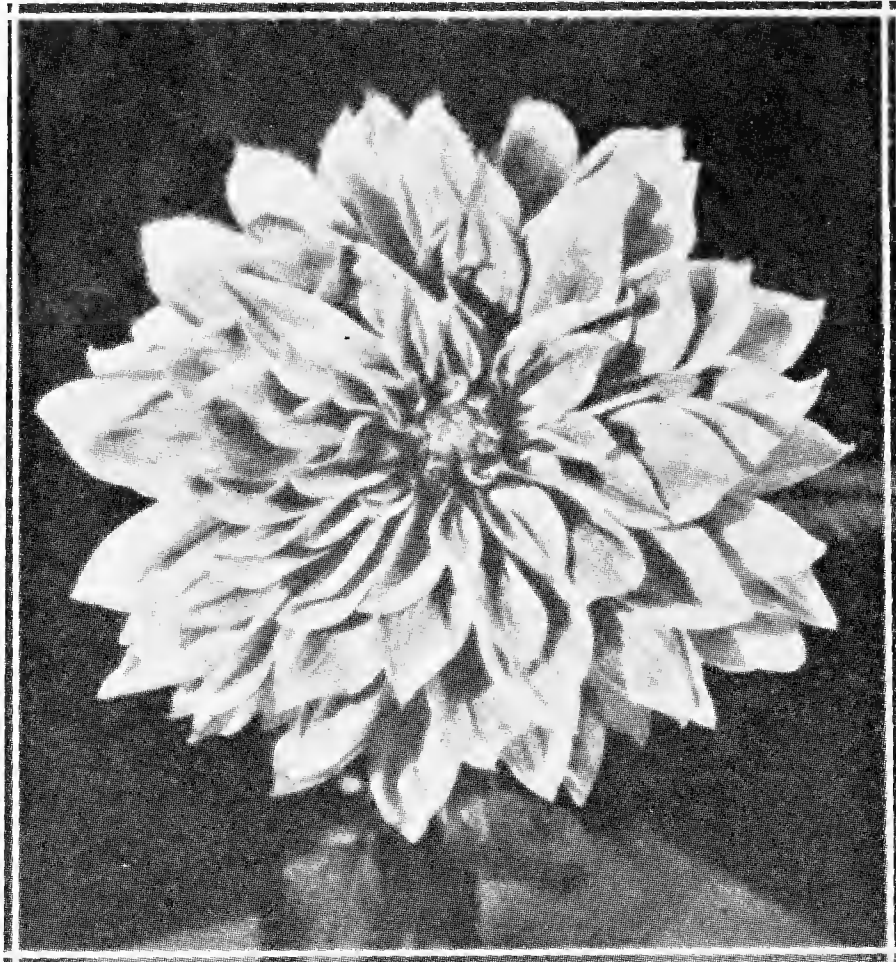
**GRANDEE**—See picture and description, top of Page 8.

**MONTALVO**—I. D. Golden bronze shading to a deep bronze center. Size seems to characterize most of our recent introductions, but not at the expense of beauty. We have been asked repeatedly for extremely large ones and we have been able to supply them with a vengeance. Montalvo is another 12-inch dahlia when grown with ordinarily good care and it has proportionate depth and strength of stem. There is great beauty in the coloring as you can imagine, and when you have charm in color, combined with great size, perfect formation and the best growing habits, the variety may be defined as an up-to-the-minute dahlia . . . . . \$2.00

**NARCISSA**—S. C. Bright daffodil yellow. We wanted a name that would express the freshness and warmth of early spring for this dahlia and could think of nothing more appropriate than the daffodil and other yellow flowers of the narcissus family. In the full formation of the flower there is also further suggestion of the double daffodil. This dahlia averages 8 or 9 inches across and is another that grows straight up on a long perfect stem. It is striking in the garden, dignified when cut, and has no faults whatever . . . . . \$1.50

**NOB HILL**—I. D. Pale orange. Occasionally you see a bed of dahlias containing so many blooms that there does not seem to be room for a single one more. That is how Nob Hill looked last September. In the first crop from eight to a dozen large disbudded flowers on each plant opened all at one time, all with long upright stems, fairly covering the plants. On close examination you would have found every bloom very large and deep and perfectly formed, almost every one suitable for exhibiting in the show. The gay and colorful shade of the flower is another feature to be considered. All our dahlias are tried out in the East before being released and we get a conservative report. The notation for Nob Hill was "Very fine" . . . \$5.00

**GRANDEE**—I. D. Light nopal red shaded orange yellow. The great size of this dahlia made the demand for it last season far heavier than we were able to supply. For tremendous size we are inclined to think Grandee surpasses them all. We continue to have 15-inch blooms without forcing or shading on plants 4 feet tall. Six blooms all 14 inches or more at one time on a plant are not unusual and size is maintained through the whole season. As stated last year, we do not exaggerate when offering a new dahlia, and our statement is borne out by reports from the East that it has been grown over 15 inches there. It was winner of the 1933 American Home Achievement Medal at San Francisco and has won as the Largest Flower in a number of shows. In Southern California it won for an amateur as largest at both the Los Angeles and Long Beach shows, also receiving a Special Award of Merit at the latter show, and was largest at the California Flower Festival last year. A report from Holland states it is the largest American dahlia. Beautiful coloring, good formation, first-class stem, are all present in this superlative dahlia. The accompanying photograph will give you some idea of its appearance. Mr. Hart's Roll of Honor described it as follows: "‘Great’ is indeed the right adjective to use here. A very large flower of a striking combination of Spanish red and golden yellow. . . . It has individuality" . . . . . \$10.00



**PALO ALTO**—S. C. Bright pinkish salmon shading to a sort of salmon gold at the center. "Perfection" would have been an appropriate name for this dahlia, for, as our Eastern representative, Mr. Reed, says, "it has everything". Color is positive and clear both in and out of doors; size conservatively 10 to 12 inches across by 6 inches deep (some customers have reported blooms much larger and deeper); moderate semi-cactus formation perfect, with centers always closed and all alike; stem stalks very tall, straight and long-jointed; blooms freely both early and late; good substance and so lasts well whether growing or cut. The prediction Mr. Hart made in his 1932 Roll of Honor, that it would surely be one of the sensations of the following season, has come true. We continue to be informed that it was very outstanding wherever shown, and was particularly good in the amateur classes, being a variety that even a beginner can grow well. Was awarded the 1933 Achievement Medal at Detroit as the Best Flower in that very fine show, which gave us four dahlias that had been Achievement Medal winners, namely, Grandee, Satan, Achievement and Palo Alto, and now we have California Idol to add as our fifth Achievement Medal dahlia. It also received a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. Everybody likes it, exhibitors, florists and garden enthusiasts. Do not fail to grow this one, as it does well everywhere . . . . . \$5.00

**RAPIDAN**—F. D. Golden bronze. A huge symmetrical flower borne upright on an extra long thick stem. A dozen perfect blooms can be cut from the plant at one time and little disbudding is required. These features combined with the lively coloring, which is exactly what the florists want, has made Rapidan invaluable as a commercial variety. There is no need of worry about them keeping fresh. It might be called a cut-and-come-again variety as crop after crop of choice blooms succeed each other through the whole season. Not spectacular but absolutely reliable and ornamental . . . . . \$1.50

**RED LION**—I. D. Bright red. Another large dahlia that serves the florists' purpose well. A vivid red is always desirable when it has all the good qualities this dahlia possesses. Quantities of first-class blooms loaded the bushes until the very end which never fade or burn. Stems hold the flowers just right whether desired for garden display or for the house. The bloom is oval-shaped with broad heavy petals continuing well to the small pointed center. . . . . \$1.00

**ROYAL FLUSH**—I. D. Brightest scarlet. A sensational variety both as to color and size. One bloom we measured was 11½ inches and there were larger ones. Considering that our dahlias receive only ordinary field culture, such blooms demonstrate the possibilities of this flower. Furthermore, the brilliant coloring seems to accentuate the size. The formation is full and deep and the stem strong and sufficiently long. Performance was fine all season. . . . . \$2.00

**SATAN**—S. C. Flaming red with a slight touch of gold at the center. No dahlia in existence, we believe, is more sensational and spectacular than this giant cactus, and it appears to be the most popular dahlia in the world today. The exquisite coloring is at once fascinating, but what formation and stem. The horn-like petals, perfectly rolled and incurved, give rare form and character to a flower of unusual brilliancy. The rugged, almost leafless, stems give the impression of being nearly as thick at the top as at the base. Wherever exhibited it becomes the general favorite. In previous catalogues we listed a number of prizes won as Best or Largest in many of the leading shows in different parts of the country, including an Achievement Medal. We told of its record at Storrs Trial Gardens and its place on the Roll of Honor, and of similar honors won at the World's Fair, at New York, San Francisco, and other shows too numerous to mention.



At the Bronx Park Botanical Gardens, New York City, last year Satan was voted the most popular dahlia by the visitors out of the total planting of 1100 dahlias. The New York Times stated that "this plant topped all the others by at least a foot and carried more flowers". On the Pacific Coast it headed by a wide margin the "Garden Quarterly" Roll of Honor compiled by popular vote of the leading dahlia growers. It continues to hold its place in the Best and Largest classes and in the recent shows in some cases it won both as Largest and Best. A reliable New York grower reports he grew Satan 16 inches. Accompanying cut will give you a good idea of the general appearance of this flower .....\$4.00

**STRONGHEART**—F. D. Amber-gold. Another dahlia with no imperfections. This has always been one of our favorites and is truly a gem of a dahlia. Its size is of generous proportions, combined with great beauty of form and color, and it has a long perfect stem. While coming nearer to the formal type of decorative than any other classification, it is not decidedly formal, as the petals are longer and rather inclined to curve more than is usual with this type, especially in the late season. Mr. Hart deemed it worthy of a place on his 1932 Roll of Honor and it also won a Certificate of Merit at Storrs. This variety has proven to be a very handsome and useful cut flower as well as an exhibition bloom .....\$2.50



### Good Varieties of Other Growers

**AMELIA EARHART**—S. C. (Cordes) Apricot-buff with salmon shadings. This very large and beautiful dahlia has the distinction of being the winner of two Achievement Medals and many other prizes and is a Roll of Honor dahlia. The originator can be justly proud of this wonderful new California introduction. It grew most satisfactorily for us, confirming all the good reports we had heard about it. Bloom is richly colored, large and deep, held nicely facing on a good stem. One of the very best.....\$5.00

**AMERICAN LEGION**—S. C. (American) Bright yellow. Our stock of this dahlia was strong and vigorous and produced giant blooms on long strong stems. It has frequently been a winner in the "Largest" class and has achieved much popularity throughout the country. Good growing habits with heavy bright foliage.....\$2.50

**ARELDA LLOYD**—I. D. (Success) Golden yellow lightly shaded with pinkish gold. This fine dahlia is a yellow sport of Jane Cowl and possesses all the good qualities of the older variety. Jane Cowl is one of the truly great dahlias and in a new color should go far as a garden favorite and showroom winner .....\$5.00

**BAGDAD**—I. D. (Redfern) Rich bright red. This is a dahlia of large size, excellent formation and good coloring. It is especially adapted to a warm location where its full formation develops to perfection. A very strong stem adds to its general usefulness .....\$1.50



- CAPRICE**—F. D. (Mawson) Golden yellow shading to salmon pink. Magnificent blooms of this dahlia have been consistent winners in the Best Dahlia in the Show classes in San Francisco. The plant is a strong grower and holds the flowers up well on long strong stems..... \$1.50
- CHAMPOEG**—I. D. (Crites) Canary yellow shading to salmon pink at the edges of the petals. This dahlia is distinctive because of the very pronounced combination of color. Bloom is large with a good stem ..... \$2.00
- CHAUTAUQUA SUNSET**—I. D. (Chautauqua) Sunset pink and gold. A 1932 introduction of most beautiful coloring and with good size both as to diameter and depth. Stems and centers are always good. This new dahlia from the East proved itself worthy when growing under California conditions ..... \$5.00
- DAILY MAIL**—I. D. (Stredwick) Deep yellow shaded orange. A fine importation from England both in the matter of size and habits. Excellent flowers are produced freely and continuously on long fine stems. A very good variety.....\$1.50
- DIXIE RAVENSCROFT**—I. D. (Seal) Bright flaming gold. A huge fluffy dahlia that will give a bright and cheery touch to any garden. The plant grows strong and produces many fine flowers on fine stems .....\$2.50
- EAGLE ROCK FANTASY**—I. D. (Broomall-Success) Clear lavender pink. This is a 1930 introduction of ideal habit and mammoth size. Winner in several shows as the largest flower exhibited. 12-inch blooms are the rule rather than the exception. The broad tapering petals produce a flower of extraordinary charm and it has all the qualifications necessary to designate it as one of the best dahlias to date. It is, of course, on the Roll of Honor.....\$2.00
- EAGLE ROCK PEACH**—I. D. (Broomall-Success) Deep rose pink. This dahlia has exceptionally good color, quite unusual in its shade, very much like an old-fashioned rose. The large well formed flower is supported by a perfect stem. Strong grower and profuse bloomer.....\$5.00
- EAGLE ROCK WONDER**—S. C. (Broomall-Success) Orange buff shading to rose and salmon. Another massive Broomall variety that responds remarkably to good care. It is one of the most vigorous growers we have seen. It has won as largest and best dahlia in Eastern shows and is another Roll of Honor dahlia. Long strong stems and habitually good foliage make it a worthy garden variety as well as a marvel in the show room.....\$1.50
- FIREMAN**—I. D. (Success) Cardinal red lightly touched with gold. A grand 1934 introduction with an Achievement Medal and a Roll of Honor record to its credit. This dazzling red dahlia strikes us as being one of the best new ones with its ideal plant growth and free blooming habit. A winner of major awards.....\$7.50
- F. W. BUTLER**—F. D. (Boston) Gold suffused with red. A very large deep flower, the originator describing it as her largest introduction. The plant is of medium height and carries the heavy blooms well. The flower is quite regularly formed with a full solid center.....\$2.00
- GRACE CURLING**—I. D. (Stredwick) Lilac pink. A very fine dahlia from England with good coloring and habits. The broad curling petals are tastefully notched at the tips which adds a distinctive touch to the flower. Much admired at all times as it maintains itself well through the whole season ..... \$1.00
- H. R. S.**—I. D. (Seal) Golden yellow. This is a very fine large dahlia in the most pleasing shade of yellow, especially good under artificial light. Bloom is well formed with long petals and has a long stiff stem with habitually good foliage. Roll of Honor in 1933.....\$5.00
- INDIANA MOON**—I. D. (Martin) Pale dull yellow lightly shaded pink. A large and attractive dahlia from the Middle West that won a place on the Roll of Honor in 1931. The flowers are consistently well formed with good strong stems and good habits. A fine new variety.....\$1.50
- ISABEL McELNEY**—I. D. (Boston) Reddish old rose. A new long stemmed dahlia of an unusual "pin-wheel" formation. Flower is very attractive and of large size and is an early and generous bloomer. Color most pleasing.....\$2.50
- IVORY**—F. D. (Boston) Ivory white. This is an excellent variety of rare coloring and pleasing appearance. The blooms are large and composed of long pointed petals that curve backward slightly ..... \$1.00
- JANE COWL**—I. D. (Downs) Bronzy buff shading to gold at the center. This is one of the most popular dahlias of recent years. Originated in New Jersey, it appears to adapt itself readily to all localities and has won prizes in many parts of the country. We have first-class stock of this fine variety ..... \$1.00
- JERSEY BEACON**—F. D. (Waite) Oriental red with a reverse of tan. The brilliant blossom is large and deep and held up well on a tall stalk. A very fine Eastern dahlia.....\$1.00
- KATHLEEN NORRIS**—I. D. (Fisher & Masson) Mallow pink. This is one of the best of the real pink dahlias. Especially desirable because of its exquisite coloring, it also has size, good form and a long strong stem. Although originated in the East, this dahlia has been named for a well known and much admired California woman.....\$1.00

- KAWEAH**—I. D. (Meussdorffer) Deep cerise with rose shadings. Blooms measuring about 15 inches in diameter have been exhibited by the originator of this dahlia at the San Francisco shows, winning as largest flower. A bloom sent from San Francisco by air express to the World's Fair Show at Chicago created a sensation there and won as the largest bloom for that day. In addition to immense size it also has splendid form, substance and stem. A sensational new dahlia ..... \$5.00
- KEMP'S WHITE WONDER**—I. D. (Kemp) White. Admittedly the best white informal decorative to date. Flowers are of great size and most pleasingly formed and are held on the best of stems. Will grow strong and produce many fine flowers. White dahlias are in demand and this is one we can highly recommend. Roll of Honor in 1932 ..... \$2.50
- MARGARET BROOMALL**—F. D. (Broomall-Success) White. This pure white formal decorative has the record of winning the highest score ever made at the Storrs Trial Gardens and of being the largest dahlia ever grown there. Flowers easily attain 14 inches or better and are of purest white, most beautifully formed and with splendid stems. Doubtless it is one of the most sensational dahlias in existence, and one of the very largest. As this variety is protected under U. S. Plant Patent No. 36 we are permitted to sell it only under patent restrictions. Special order blanks may be had on request ..... Green plants only, \$15.00 each or two for \$25.00, net.
- MARY ELIZABETH REDFERN**—I. D. (Redfern) Orchid rose. An excellent California introduction that was one of the features of last year's Roll of Honor. The color of the flower is lively and distinctive, size is good, general habits satisfactory in every way. A prize-winner ..... \$10.00
- MONMOUTH CHAMPION**—I. D. (Kemp) Orange flame. An Eastern novelty of an unusual and beautiful color and with excellent growing habits. Blooms of exhibition size are freely produced and last well when cut ..... \$1.00
- MRS. ALEC LOW**—I. D. (Boston) Deep unshaded lilac. An unusual and beautiful color in a dahlia of distinctive formation. Flower is large and deep with a good stem on a plant of medium height. Exhibits to good advantage ..... \$2.50
- MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL**—I. D. (Seal) Rich old rose of medium tone. A very fine introduction that is an Achievement Medal winner and a Roll of Honor dahlia. The blooms are large and deep and carried high on fine stems. Plant is tall and strong ..... \$1.00
- MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE**—I. D. (Murphy-Success) Dark red with garnet shadings. An Achievement Medal winner and Roll of Honor dahlia named in honor of the originator who in his lifetime sent out some very popular dahlias. This new introduction is naturally large with all good qualities and it performed wonderfully for us on the Pacific Coast. One of the very largest varieties and a special favorite with us. Winner as largest bloom at the World's Fair Show and winner as Largest in more shows than any other dahlia ..... \$5.00
- RUBY TAYLOR**—F. D. (Garrity) Purplish red. A new and distinctive variety with fine growing habits. Flowers are of good size, well formed and of unusually good substance. Was a winner in the seedling classes and will doubtless continue to be a fine exhibition flower ..... \$5.00
- RUDY VALLEE**—S. C. (Broomall-Success) Chrome yellow gradually shading to deep orange. A very large and attractive dahlia that bears considerable resemblance to Siskiyou in everything but color. The full centered flowers stand right up on good straight stems and are freely produced ..... \$2.00
- THOMAS A. EDISON**—F. D. (Dahliadel) Royal purple. This dahlia was personally selected by the late Mr. Edison to bear his name. It has been a consistent prize winner and is very impressive with its rich color and distinctive staghorn petal formation. The blooms grow upright on a stiff stem ..... \$1.50
- W. H. WAITE**—S. C. (Boston) Shell pink shading to a cream center. This is a delightful dahlia that is a winner in the "pink" class. It is a typical semi-cactus with ideal habits. The large flower is most artistic and beautiful. .... \$1.50



#### EXPLANATION OF TYPES—According to the American Dahlia Society Classification.

- INFORMAL DECORATIVE (I. D.)**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with long, twisted petals, and often irregular in arrangement.
- FORMAL DECORATIVE (F. D.)**—Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad, flat petals, often rounded at the tips, and regular in arrangement.
- CACTUS (C.)**—Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, but rolled more than half their length.
- SEMI-CACTUS (S. C.)**—Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.
- PEONY (P.)**—Semi-double flowers showing a bright yellow center, having small twisted petals circling about the center.



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